

COMMENDING THE BOBBY DODD  
INSTITUTE AND THE JAVITS-  
WAGNER-O'DAY PROGRAM

**HON. JOHN LINDER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, today there are roughly 45 million Americans with a disability, many of whom are forced to rely on public assistance because they cannot find or keep a job. Of people with disabilities, approximately 5.2 million receive Social Security Disability Insurance, 3.5 million receive Supplemental Security Insurance, and 1.3 million receive both.

By tapping into the potential of a person with a disability through a job opportunity we can help them to become taxpaying citizens who can help to power America's economy and strengthen our communities. I recently had the opportunity to visit the Bobby Dodd Institute (BDI) in Atlanta, Georgia, and was able to witness first-hand the power of employment for disabled individuals. BDI offers a variety of vocational services including employee development training, computer and customer service training job readiness classes and daily living courses.

For this reason, I salute the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. JWOD provides employment opportunities to Americans with disabilities by using the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating, community-based nonprofit, agencies dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities.

The JWOD program serves 40,000 people with disabilities nationwide, and last year it generated approximately \$280 million in earned wages, and nearly \$1.5 billion in products sold.

In Georgia alone, approximately 1,000 people with disabilities earned almost \$3 million in wages last year as a result of JWOD. These numbers vividly demonstrate the difference that can be made in both the economy and the lives of Americans with disabilities. This is a program that truly makes a difference in lives of people with disabilities, and today I am proud to offer my commendation for all of these noble and inspiring efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that one of my votes yesterday, Thursday, May 18, 2006, as recorded as an "aye" but my intent was to vote "nay."

I ask that the RECORD reflect that I would have voted "nay" on Roll Call vote #168 (On Agreeing to the Chabot Amendment to H.R. 5386).

TRIBUTE TO MS. MARTHA R.  
ROBERTS

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful educator who is retiring after 34 years of service to our Nation's children. Ms. Martha R. Roberts, principal of Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School in Columbia, South Carolina, will officially retire at the end of this school year from the very same school where her career began.

Ms. Roberts is a product of Richland School District Two, having graduated from Dentsville High School in 1967. She didn't stay away long, securing her first teaching position after graduating from Winthrop College (University) at Richland Two's Lonnie B. Nelson as a combined fourth and fifth grade teacher. She excelled as a classroom teacher winning awards as Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1975, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Award for School Mathematics Program in 1978, and Lonnie Bee Teacher of the Year in 1979. That same year, she took a position as the Lead Teacher for Lonnie Bee's Math Lab program that gives extra attention to students who need it.

The administration at Lonnie Bee recognized the talent they had in Ms. Roberts, and in 1983, she was named Assistant Principal. In this role, she coordinated the school's curriculum and utilized her classroom expertise to help guide other teachers. During her time as Assistant Principal, Lonnie "Bee" earned the distinction as a National Blue Ribbon School Award recipient.

In 1988, Ms. Roberts left South Carolina to pursue opportunities in the Chicago, Illinois area. She consulted first for Kishwaukee Community College and Shabbona School System. She later became principal of Shabbona Schools that served children from preschool (child development) through the 12th grade.

Yet, Ms. Roberts' heart always remained in South Carolina, and she returned in 1992 to Walterboro (South Carolina) High School. Two years later she returned to Richland School District Two in Columbia to serve as principal of Forest Lake Elementary. During her six years there, the school was a National Blue Ribbon School Award winner.

Ms. Roberts later transferred to become principal of Dent Middle School, the former Dentsville High School from which she had graduated, for one year before she retired in June 2001. Her retirement was short-lived.

Ms. Roberts was pressed back into service in June 2002 to serve as a principal trainer at Killian Elementary School in Richland School District Two. The following year, she consulted with the district on creating a comprehensive and effective school choice program. Then in July 2004, she returned once again to Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School to serve as principal at the very school where she began her career.

During her busy career, Ms. Roberts found time to complete her Masters in Education at the University of South Carolina, and do post-graduate work at USC, The Citadel and Northern Illinois University. She has also raised her son, Chris, and is now the proud grandmother

of Chris and his wife, Stephanie's son, Chandler.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martha Roberts for her exemplary commitment to educating young children. She has demonstrated a tremendous talent and love that has helped nurture countless students during her 34-year career. I applaud her dedication to public education, and extend best wishes and Godspeed upon her retirement.

HONORING SGT. FIRST CLASS  
ROBERT V. DERENDA

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant First Class Robert V. Derenda, a brave American soldier who paid the ultimate sacrifice in his service to this Nation on a mission in Iraq.

A native of Cheektowaga, New York, SFC Derenda earned a degree in Education from The Citadel and a Chemical Engineering degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

After serving 4 years of active duty with the United States Army, SFC Derenda joined the reserves and worked as a drill sergeant in the 1st Brigade, 98th Division, based in Rochester, New York.

Comrades knew SFC Derenda as a leader and a mentor who shared his skills and experience so that others could serve and protect in the name of freedom. In fact, SFC Derenda's last mission involved the training of recruits for Iraq's military.

As a young boy, SFC Derenda walked down Candlelight Lane on his way to St. Joseph's School. On May 20th, western New York will pay tribute to this soldier and patriot by renaming that street "R.V. Derenda Lane" in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of the 27th Congressional District and all Americans, I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude for the supreme sacrifice made by Sergeant First Class Robert V. Derenda, a courageous and noble soldier. He has served to protect the safety and freedoms that make this Nation great and his memory will live on for those who travel down "R.V. Derenda Lane" for generations to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINCOLN  
ELECTRIC

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lincoln Electric, a manufacturer in my congressional district, for receiving the President's "E Star" Award for Exports. Lincoln Electric's export achievements are significant because it supports our economy by helping create jobs in Ohio and the United States.

The President's "E Star" Award is awarded for continued superior performance in increasing or promoting exports. Only previous recipients of the "E" Award are eligible. Lincoln

Electric was presented with the President's "E" Award in 1994 for its strong commitment to developing and growing exports.

Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Lincoln Electric is the world leader in the design, development and manufacture of arc welding products, robotic arc-welding systems, plasma and oxyfuel cutting equipment and has a leading position in brazing and soldering alloys.

Lincoln Electric has approximately 3,000 hard-working employees in Northeast Ohio, and 7,000 nationwide and throughout the globe. Exhibiting its commitment to its employees, Lincoln Electric guarantees employment to its workers after three years of service. The company has not exercised its layoff options in the United States operations since post war 1948.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez will present Lincoln Electric with the President's "E Star" Award. I am proud of Lincoln Electric, which since its founding in 1895 by brothers John and James Lincoln, has shown a strong commitment to Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. I praise Lincoln Electric and its hard-working employees and wish them continued success.

#### TAIWAN'S STATUS IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

#### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, with a population of 23 million people, Taiwan is a democracy and a global economic power, yet it is not a member of the United Nations. In January of this year a proposal failed concerning Taiwan's World Health Assembly observer status during the World Health Organization's Executive Board meeting in Geneva. I am concerned that with the outbreak of SARS and ongoing concerns related to the possible human-to-human transmission of H5N1 Bird Flu, Taiwanese membership in international health entities should be considered with a greater sense of urgency.

I urge the Administration to take steps to allow entry of Taiwan into all relevant international health organizations to ensure the best possible response to any potential future health outbreaks that could ultimately invade the United States and detrimentally impact Americans. Despite not being a member of the World Health Organization, Taiwan has declared its voluntary early compliance with all provisions of the International Health Regulations (2005).

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Administration to encourage key leaders of other nations to resume talks with Chen Shui-Bian as soon as possible.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably delayed and missed

the vote on the Inslee amendment to H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act, Roll Call 149.

I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 149.

#### IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF MRS. SALLY FALKMAN

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mrs. Sally Falkman, upon the occasion of her retirement from teaching—an exemplary career that follows 30 years of outstanding service, commitment, inspiration and instruction on behalf of every child who was a student in her classroom.

Mrs. Falkman has dedicated the past 29 years of her professional expertise as a teacher at St. Ignatius of Antioch Elementary School. Her dedicated focus on shaping, growing and inspiring the minds and hearts of young children never faded or wavered. For 30 years, Mrs. Falkman instructed students in social studies and religion classes, teaching third, fourth and fifth graders, and has done so with grace, compassion and a gentle spirit, capturing the curiosity and imaginations of her students and the admiration of parents and peers.

Mrs. Falkman's exceptional work ethic, excellent rapport with her students and her colleagues and creative and enthusiastic style of teaching consistently captivated the children, guiding them to a platform where learning and discovery flourished. As new and advanced teaching technologies and advancements evolved, Mrs. Falkman regularly learned and embraced every new technique. But the heart of teaching—the respect, love and confidence that a teacher expresses to her students, will never change, and this vital element in a child's educational experience is the intangible gift that Mrs. Falkman consistently gave to every student.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mrs. Sally Falkman, for giving true meaning to the words: teacher, mentor, guide and friend. Her chosen vocation of teaching will be forever remembered by her students, their parents, and also by the faculty and staff at St. Ignatius of Antioch Elementary School, where her excellence, compassion, kindness, gentle nature and true gifts for teaching and inspiring our children will be remembered always and held as a brilliant example for all young teachers to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF JOEL CARP—SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FOR THE JEWISH FEDERATION/JEWISH UNITED FUND OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

#### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career and public service of Joel Carp.

For 28 years, Joel Carp has been an effective leader for the Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, and the Jewish community as a whole. As Senior Vice President, his responsibilities include management of its Government Affairs Program, delegating the budget for social welfare programs, and supervising the State of Illinois refugee and immigration programs, as well as several homeless services programs. Joel's persistent dedication and devotion to social services has truly made a difference in many people's lives and in many organizations.

Joel has dedicated his life to creating public policies that provide quality, comprehensive health and human services for people in Chicago and nationally. He is a member of numerous local, state, and national professional and community service organizations, and has served on various governmental task forces, including the City of Chicago's Task Force on Hunger. His work at the Illinois Department of Human Services includes service on the Governor's Families and Children Leadership Sub-Cabinet. With his knowledgeable background, he has published over 30 articles on various subjects in the field of social work, social planning and resettlement.

Joel was the recipient of the Melvin A. Block Award for Professional Distinction from the Associated YM-YWHAs of Greater New York, and he also received the City of Chicago's Commission on Human Relations Award. His vision is credited as the driving force behind numerous projects that continue to enhance not only Chicago, but our entire nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to overstate the impact that Joel Carp has had on improving the quality of life for thousands of people in Illinois and across the nation. I am proud to call him a friend, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his contributions and wish him and his family the very best in the future.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF MS. VALRIE A. BENNETT

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Valrie A. Bennett who recently departed this world as we know it. Although we grieve her being taken from us we must not see her departure as a loss because she fought the good fight, ran the good race and completed her life's mission. A woman of true character gifted with an